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COAL BASINS INTRODUCE NEW MINING METHODS, FULFILL PLANS

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The hydraulic backfill method is being more and more extensively used in coal mining in Tkibuli, Georgian SSR. This method greatly decreases losses of coal during mining and eliminates the danger of underground fires. It was first used in one experimental section in Tkibuli mines. At present, three sections of Mine imeni Stalin employ the hydraulic backfill method and in the third quarter of 1950 it will be adopted in Mine imeni Molotov. During the next 2 years the method will be extended to all exploitation sections of the Tkibuli mines.(1)

The Mines imeni Stalin and imeni Lenin of the Tkibulugol' Trust are making a successful effort to imporve the quality of their coal and shipping coal containing not more than 2 percent of rock. However, the Mine imeni Beriya of the Tkvarchelugol' Trust and mines of the Akhaltsikhe Mine Administration are not making sufficient effort to improve their coal. Every month, 5,000 to 7,000 tons of rock are removed from the coal at the Tkvarchelugol' Trust's coal-cleaning plant. This rock should have been removed from the coal in the mines: the large pieces at the mine faces and the smaller pieces from the conveyer belts.(2)

The Donets Basin also reports successes. Kochegarka Mine, the basin's oldest mine, completed the Five-Year Plan on 25 May. On the same date it also completed the 5-month plan for coal output.(3) Workers of Kochegarka Mine and the Mine imeni Rumantsev received the Transferable Red Banner of the Council of Ministers USSR. Workers of the Mine imeni Kalinin were awarded the Red Banner of the VTsSPS and the Ministry of the Coal Industry.

Miners of Gorlovka have entered competition with miners of the Kuzbass and are achieving success. Kalininugol' and Gorlovskugol' Trusts have delivered thousands of above-plan tons of coal.(4)

Miners of Mine No 5 of the Nesvetayantratsit Trust completed their 5-month quota several days before 30 May. Their success was due to the fact that the mine faces have been converted to a cycle system and are operating on it daily.

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This was the first mine in the Rostovugol' Combine to introduce the cycle system into the entire mine. Hundreds of above-plan tons of coal have been produced. (5) Mines and mine sections of the Shakhtantratsit Trust have also converted to a cycle system and are achieving great success. Workers of Mine imeni Frunze and Petrovka Mine finished a $1\frac{1}{2}$ -day quota in one day. (6)

Voroshilovgradugol' Combine exceeded the 4-month plan for coal output. In comparison with the same period of 1949, coal mining increased 17 percent and labor productivity rose 13 percent. Lisichanskugol' Trust, which has fulfilled the plan 106.1 percent since the beginning of 1950, held first place in the combine competition.(7) Miners of the Mine Administration imeni Voroshilov, Lisichanskugol' Trust, have completed the half-year program for coal mining and dechanskugol' Trust, have completed the half-year program for coal mining and delivering coal on their July quota.(8) Miners of Mine No 6-7 of the Kirovugol' Trust, were the first in the area to complete the half-year plan for coal output and have saved 360,000 above-plan rubles since the beginning of 1950. All its miners are fulfilling or exceeding their quotas.(9)

In the Tula Combine, Mine No 6 of Tovarkovugol' Trust, has completed 10 years of operation. This mine now has heavy cutting machines, heavy scraper conveyers, and electric locomotives; automatic, remote control of machines has also been introduced. Average daily output has increased several times during the past 10 years.(10) Mines No 23 and 21 of the Belokhovugol' Trust, of the same combine, have completed the Five-Year Plan for coal output. Six mines of the trust are already delivering coal above their five-year quotas.(11)

Miners of Moskvougol' Combine completed the 5-month plan for coal output on 29 May. They also fulfilled the 5-month plan for development work and for shipment of coal to consumers. The Krasnoarmeyskugol' and Oktyabr'ugol' trusts as will as several others are already delivering coal in their June quotas. (5)

The Karagandaugol' Combine has completed the 5-month plan for coal output. During 4 months of 1950, mechanized loading of coal in the mines doubled. At 46 mine faces coal is being mined without the assistance of cutting and loading personnel. Almost all mine faces which dip have been converted to a two-shift system of coal mining. Mechanized loading and improved labor organization have freed 2,320 underground workers during the past 3 months, raised the average daily output for the basin as a whole, and decreased production cost of coal.(12)

On 31 May, a meeting was held in the Karagandaugol' Combine to discuss the use of the "Donbass" combine in mines of the basin. A. D. Sukach, Laureate of a Stalin Prize, and designer of the "Donbass" combine, was present and stated that during the year more than 1,500 practical suggestions from the Donbass mines had resulted in considerably improving the design of the "Donbass combine and adapting it to operate under different mining geological conditions and in coal seams of varying thickness. Consequently, he said, the "Donbass" combine is also being employed extensively in other coal areas of the USSR.(13)

A "Donbass" combine has been operating for more than a year in the fourth section of Kapital'naya Mine in the Kuzbass. Its operator mined 7,500 tons of coal in April and raised the figure to 10,000 tons in May. This represents the greatest productivity of the combine in the Kuzbass.(14)

Miners of Kemerovulgol' Combine completed the 5-month program on 28 May. The first to report achievement of the 5-month plan were miners of Anzherougol', Leninugol', and Belovugol' trusts.(5)

Workers in Mine 1-2-bis of Uzbekugol' Trust have completed the 1950 halfyear plan for coal output 100.1 percent, the plan for advancing mine working 100.2 percent, and the plan for labor productivity 144 percent. During 4 months the mine saved 1,500,000 rubles above the plan.(15)

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Engineering courses are being arranged at mining and polytechnical institutes to prepare qualified personnel for the coal industry. Such courses will be offered in the new school year at the Moscow Mining Institute imeni I. V. Stalin.(16)

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